

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of	)	
Ieda, Kiyokazu et al.	)	Group Art Unit: Unassigned
Application No.: Unassigned	)	Examiner: Unassigned
Filed: April 20, 2004	)	Confirmation No.: Unassigned
For: A PUSH SWITCH APPARATUS	)	

**FIRST INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the accompanying information is being submitted in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98.

**Japanese Patent No. 2000-182459 is discussed in the specification.**

To assist the Examiner, the document is / documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

BURNS, DOANE, SWECKER & MATHIS, L.L.P.

Date April 20, 2004

By: 

Platon N. Mandros  
Registration No. 22,124

P.O. Box 1404  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1404  
(703) 836-6620

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO & 1449B/PTO			<b>Complete if Known</b>	
<b>FIRST INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT</b>  (use as many sheets as necessary)			Application Number	Unassigned
			Filing Date	April 20, 2004
			First Named Inventor	Ieda, Kiyokazu et al.
			Examiner Name	Unassigned
			Attorney Docket Number	033228-038
Sheet	1	of	1	

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS				
Examiner Initials	Document Number	Kind Code (if known)	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Issue/Publication Date (MM-DD-YYYY)
	6,075,294		Van den Boom et al.	06-13-2000
	2003/0122556	A1	Sueyoshi et al.	07-03-2003

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Examiner Initials	Document Number	Kind Code (if known)	Country	Date of Publication (MM-DD-YYYY)	Translation	
					Yes	No
	*2000-182459		Japan	06-30-2000	See Spec	
	*2003-257274		Japan	09-12-2003	Abstract	

NON-PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS	
Examiner Initials	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.

\* Copies enclosed

Examiner Signature		Date Considered	
--------------------	--	-----------------	--

\*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with M.P.E.P. § 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to Applicant.